

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Building Inspector George Knight, Chamber of Commerce Director Sandra Chafin, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Assistant Road Department Superintendent Chris Wood, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Dalton Upchurch, and Sheriff's Office Deputy Jeff Post.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Commissioner Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL LIBRARY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Mike Girvin, Bay County Commissioner, appeared before the Board and discussed a proposed agreement regarding the Northwest Florida Regional Library system with the County. After discussion by Members of the Board and Mr. Girvin, Chairman Williams requested the Board table this issue until the next regular meeting. Bob Mica appeared before the Board and discussed that Gulf County currently has one representative on the Library Board, (there needs to be two), and requested that the Board appoint two representatives.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, based on removal of item #14 - #16 (Pages 177-187). This being agreeable, the motion did then pass unanimously.

1. Minutes - January 9, 2007 - Regular Meeting (Corrected)
  - January 16, 2007 - Special Meeting (Corrected)
  - January 23, 2007 - Regular Meeting
2. Advertising - The Star & News Herald (Letter regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

3. Bid Advertisement - Collection Services for Gulf County E.M.S. and Wewahitchka E.M.S. \* Gulf County E.M.S. - Electric Stretcher
4. Bid Award/Emergency Purchase - Gulf County 911 (Bid #0607-05 to Microdata 911 \* \$187,129.00 / Emergency Purchase of hardware from Plant/CML Systems \* \$20,549.00 \* to be paid from 911 Wireless Grant)
5. Budget Amendment - Transfer Holiday Expenditures from Parks & Recreation to BCC Other Current Charges & Obligations  
- Sheriff's Office - Transfer \$1,500.00 from Crime Prevention Fund to Sheriff's Office
6. Environmental Testing - Affordable Housing Site/St. Joe Company Density Project (Garlick Pandullo, L.L.C.)
7. Funding Request - City of Wewahitchka (Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Allocation - \$12,994.00)
8. Grant Agreement - Emergency Management - State Homeland Security Grant (\$9,000.00)  
- Emergency Management - State Homeland Security Grant (\$12,132.00)  
- Sheriff's Office - F.D.L.E. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (Equipment Grant) - Contract No. 2007-JAGD-GULF-1-P4-092 (\$1,660.00)
9. Grant Applications - Gulf County E.M.S. (Florida Dept. of E.M.S. Matching Grant \* Florida Dept. of E.M.S. County Grant \* U.S.D.A. Rural Grant Program)
10. Grant Expenditure/Purchase Request - Wetappo Fire Department (\$8,000.00 on Equipment, \$3,000.00 on Communication Equipment)
11. Inventory - Gulf County GIS (Junk #265-1 - Computer, #265-6 - Computer Server, #265-8 - Computer, #265-9 - Table, #265-10 - Computer G.P.S. Unit)  
- Supervisor of Elections (Junk #30-44 - Mag Innovision 19" CRT Monitor)
12. Invoice - Agency for Health Care Administration - Medicaid (November, 2006 \* \$5,468.80 / December, 2006 \* \$6,354.31 to be paid from Account #52264-34100)

- Bailey Bishop & Lane, Inc. - Overstreet Water C.D.B.G. Grant  
#06DB-89-09-32-01-N35 \* Invoice #11737 \*  
\$24,802.25 to be paid from Account #27550-31000)
- Bay Medical Center \* H.C.R.A. (#0633100620 \* \$242.28 to  
be paid from Account #51462-31500)
- County Attorney Timothy McFarland (January, 2007 \*  
\$11,920.00 to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
- Gulf County C.D.C. - S.H.I.P. Program Expenses (\$900.00)
- MRD Associates, Inc. - Erosion Control (Project #05-210.2 \*  
#753 \* \$62,139.07 / Project #06-210.7 \* #754 \*  
\$28,033.90 to be paid from Account #43137-31000)
- Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. \* Cape San Blas Beach  
Renourishment Project (#105-00001 \* \$45,000.00  
to be paid from Account #28037-77000)
- Preble-Rish, Inc. - Howard Creek Road (Invoice #4686 \*  
\$295,118.47 / Retainage \* \$79,484.69 to be paid  
from Account #40741-53000)
- Preble-Rish, Inc. Money Bayou Headwall (Invoice #4688 \*  
\$67,103.09 to be paid from Account  
#40341-53000)
- Preble-Rish, Inc. - Money Bayou NRCS Project (Invoice #65066  
\* \$6,000.00 to be paid from Account #40341-53000)
- Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - General Employment Matters (File  
#G214-107990 \* Invoice #708864 \* \$2,295.20 to  
be paid from Account #21111-31200)

13. Job Notice - Public Works (Post a Tractor Operator II - Step A Position)  
- Road Department (Advertise for a Laborer Position)
14. \*\*DELETE\*\* Purchase Request - Wetappo Creek Fire Department (Set up  
Charge Accounts at Lowe's, Sam's and Walmart)  
- Gulf County Jail (Inmate Transport Van \$22,062.00 /  
Jail CEO Chevrolet Impala \$15,378.00 to be purchased  
through Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract)
15. \*\*DELETE\*\* S.H.I.P. Program Agreement Addendum - Gulf County C.D.C.
16. \*\*DELETE\*\* S.H.I.P. Program Plan Modification (Rehabilitation Assistance  
from \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 \* Purchase Assistance  
from \$11,250.00 to \$25,000.00 \* Volunteer Based  
Rehabilitation from \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00)
17. \*\*DELETE\*\* S.H.I.P. Program Recap Funds Distribution
18. \*\*DELETE\*\* S.H.I.P. - Rehabilitation Assistance (\$5,000.00 - Allayne  
McVan, Clessie Babb)

19. Special Project Payments as follows:

Dist. 1	Rich's IGA - Workcrew Luncheon	\$ 27.82
Dist. 2	Rich's IGA - Workcrew Luncheon	\$ 27.81

20. Travel - Florida Association of Counties 2007 Legislative Day  
(March 28, 2007 - Leon County)  
- Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference  
(June 12-15, 2007 - Orange County)

(End)

**SACRED HEART HOSPITAL**

Dr. Henry E. Roberts, President of Sacred Heart Healthcare Foundation, appeared before the Board and discussed the progress of construction of the Sacred Heart Hospital in Gulf County. He stated that there has been a sign placed on the property, the D.E.P. permit should be received within the next 24 hours, the Army Corp of Engineers will begin their work within 30 days, and activity should begin on the site by mid April. Dr. Roberts discussed that the Hospital drawings have been completed, and that staff is looking at the detailed plans.

**B.C.B.S. OF FLORIDA INSURANCE**

Human Resource Director Manuel reported on a check received from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, in the amount of \$57,982.00, for premium refunds, and requested that the Chairman sign the new agreement for next year. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESOLUTION**

Gulf County E.M.S. Director McGuffin discussed a proposed resolution certifying that grant funds will be used for Emergency Medical Services. County Attorney McFarland read the proposed resolution. Commissioner Peters motioned to adopt the following resolution. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-01**

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE MONIES FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MATCHING GRANT WILL IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE COUNTY'S PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County has an outstanding Emergency Medical Services system, which serves the citizens of Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Medical Services system received funding from Gulf County only for specific, itemized, budgeted expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the budgeted funds for the Emergency Medical Services system cannot be used for other items or activities; and

**WHEREAS**, existing budget allocations do not provide for all needs of the Emergency Medical Services systems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, as follows:**

1. That monies from the Emergency Medical Services matching grant will improve and expand the County's pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services system.
2. That the grant monies will not be used to supplant existing County Emergency Medical Services budget allocations.
3. That a copy hereof shall be provided to all parties of interest upon request.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

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#### **AWARD BID #0607-13 - HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that Bid #0607-13, for construction of the Honeyville Community Center/Storm Shelter, be awarded to low bidder Cathey Construction, in the amount of \$881,806.00. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chief Administrator Butler recommended that the Notice to Proceed be dated the day the shop drawings are received. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding the completion date, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the completion date is 180 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed, and Commissioner Traylor discussed that there is a \$200.00 per day penalty for not completing the project on time. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding rain day credits, Chief Administrator Butler reported that there is a methodology that is used to determine the rainy days. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended running sewer to the nearest lift station from the City of Wewahitchka rather than installing a septic tank system for the Honeyville Community

Center/Storm Shelter, and reported that he will bring a cost estimate back to the Board.

### **INVOICE - COUNTY AUDITORS**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended payment of Invoice #491 from County Auditor Keith L. Jones, C.P.A., in the amount of \$2,400.00 for the audit of the Inmate Trust Fund, and Invoice #490 in the amount of \$17,672.88, for work done on the annual audit. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **EMPLOYEE HIRING**

Upon inquiry by Chief Administrator Butler regarding hiring an employee at the Road Department to replace an employee that has been terminated, Chairman Williams discussed that there is a hiring freeze in place and only critical personnel is to be replaced (to be brought before the Board on an individual basis). After further discussion, Commissioner Traylor motioned that all departments keep the same number of employees as they had on October 1st, with no new hires (replacement only), and for Chief Administrator Butler to bring these before the Board on an individual basis. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Chief Administrator Butler regarding replacing the secretary at the Public Works Department, Commissioner McLemore motioned to replace the secretary at Public Works. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **PARKING AREAS/BEACH RESTORATION**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended construction of a parking lot at Cape Palms Park, and also a survey at Dunes Drive for a primary beach access point. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **AWARD BID #0607-11 - GULF COUNTY ROAD BOND PROJECT**

Chief Administrator Butler recommended that Bid #0607-11, for the Gulf County Road Bond Paving Project be awarded to low bidder G.A.C. Contractors, contingent upon negotiating the amounts to coincide with the funds allowed for each Commissioner, and for G.A.C. to haul the clay and eliminate the lime rock. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **JAIL TRANSITION COORDINATOR CONTRACT**

Chief Administrator Butler discussed the contract with Denny Durbin as Transition Coordinator, and recommended approval of the contract. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams

regarding the vehicle for Mr. Durbin, County Attorney McFarland discussed that it is required by statute that he be provided with a vehicle. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore thanked Chief Administrator Butler for all the work he has done regarding the jail.

### **CONSENT AGENDA/JAIL PURCHASES - INMATE VAN & TRANSITION COORDINATOR VEHICLE**

Chief Administrator Butler requested that page 178 OF Item #14 of the Consent Agenda (approval to purchase and Inmate Transport Van - \$22,062.00 and a Chevrolet Impala - \$15,378.00 through Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract) be reinstated and approved. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that Rural Development, Home Ownership Pool and S.H.I.P. have given funds to an individual and will hold a open house ceremony on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., C.T. at 125 Mary Drive, and invited everyone to attend.

### **WATERFRONT FLORIDA**

Deputy Administrator Lanier requested a letter of support be sent to Mary McCloud, of Waterfront Florida Partnership, regarding a \$50,000.00 grant which will identify, evaluate, and survey Historical and Archeological Resources in the County. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **HAZARDOUS WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

Emergency Management Director Nelson reported that this week is Hazardous Weather Awareness Week in Florida, stating that the Statewide tornado exercise will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Gulf County Schools. Emergency Management Director Nelson encouraged everyone to purchase a N.O.A.A. weather radio for their homes.

### **LANDFILL PERMITS/ENGINEERING FEES**

Solid Waste Director Danford requested approval of proposals from Preble-Rish, Inc., in the amount of \$14,999.00 for Wetappo Landfill closure permit, and \$10,861.50 for Five Points renewal permit. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **AMNESTY DAY 2007**

Solid Waste Director Danford reminded everyone that Amnesty Day will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., E.T., at the Gulf County Courthouse.

### **AWARD BID #0607-12 - WHEELED LANDFILL COMPACTOR**

Solid Waste Director Danford recommended that Bid #0607-12 for a Wheeled Landfill Compactor be awarded to Thompson Tractor, in the amount of \$493,954.00, because they meet the warranty specifications and Beard Equipment Company did not. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **LANDFILL LINERS**

Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that he has submitted a letter to D.E.P. regarding opposition to the requirement of landfill liners, and that a copy is in the Information Packet (pages 17-18). He also requested that the Board contact the Small County Coalition regarding this issue. Commissioner Traylor motioned for the Board to submit a letter to Small County Coalition opposing the requirement of liners being placed in the landfills. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE**

Planner Richardson discussed pages 53-54 in the Information Packet regarding the C.C.C.L., stating that D.E.P. is proposing to relocate this line. He stated that it is presently half way between the water and the road, but it could possibly be moved all the way to the road which could effect many landowners.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/HAZARD MITIGATION**

Planner Richardson discussed major changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and that Hazard Mitigation will have to be implemented into the Plan.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Brenda Miller, of the American Cancer Society, appeared before the Board and requested funds from the Special Projects for the Relay for Life Team that the Gulf County employees have formed. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the following Special Project payments. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Dist. 1	American Cancer Society - Donation	\$100.00
	Kids Win Fishing Tournament - Donation	\$100.00
	African American Scholarship - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 2	American Cancer Society - Donation	\$100.00



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Dist. 3	American Cancer Society - Donation	\$100.00
	Kids Win Fishing Tournament - Donation	\$100.00
	African American Scholarship - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 4	American Cancer Society - Donation	\$100.00
	Kids Win Fishing Tournament - Donation	\$100.00
	African American Scholarship - Donation	\$100.00
Dist. 5	American Cancer Society - Donation	\$100.00
	Kids Win Fishing Tournament - Donation	\$100.00
	African American Scholarship - Donation	\$100.00
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Ralph Barwick, Associate Pastor of Oak Grove Assembly of God Church, appeared before the Board and requested funds from Special Projects for a community fund raiser Fish & Loaves Ministry. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, County Attorney McFarland discussed that the Board cannot legally contribute to a Religious Organization. Members of the Board discussed that they can personally contribute to this cause.

### **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

Commissioner Peters discussed a meeting held on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Improvement Center regarding the Community Land Trust.

### **LOCAL NEWSPAPER - THE STAR**

Commissioner Peters discussed that The Star newspaper had no mention of Martin Luther King, Jr's. Birthday, and stated that the article published in The Star reported on comments made by all Commissioners, but omitted the statements made by him and Gulf County NAACP President, Amy Rogers. Commissioner Peters also discussed an article printed in The News Herald on February 9<sup>th</sup> , stating that the article read that the Port St. Joe Downtown Redevelopment Agency is all white. He stated for the information of the Editor, the Downtown Redevelopment Agency consists of nine members, of which five are minorities and two are African Americans.

### **ROAD PAVING - 16TH STREET**

Commissioner Barnes requested permission for the Road Department and Public Works Department to assist in removing approximately 400-500 feet of asphalt on 16<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Port St. Joe which is scheduled for re-paving. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McLemore motioned to haul the removed asphalt to John Land Pit. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **STUMPHOLE PROJECT**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Barnes regarding progress of the Stumphole project, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the project is going to be handled through a Joint Participation Agreement from D.O.T., in the amount of \$2.6 million.

## **BUDGET MEETINGS - DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chairman Williams discussed the meetings that are being held bi-weekly with Chief Administrator Butler and the Department Heads, and requested permission to contract with Dewey Blaylock to assist the Department Heads with the budget process in teaching, training and purchasing the proper system, in the amount of \$5,000.00. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE - FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

Chairman Williams requested permission to travel to meetings with the Florida Association of Counties on budget and finance. The Board had no objection.

## **TAX REFORM**

Chairman Williams discussed the proposed state-wide tax reform and requested that each Commissioner assign someone to an advisory panel and have them report to the Board on the different issues. County Attorney McFarland discussed that if this committee is appointed by the Board, they are subject to Sunshine Laws.

## **BEACH PATROL**

Chairman Williams discussed ongoing issues with beach patrol regarding trash and debris from fires on the beach. After further discussion, County Attorney McFarland discussed the possibility of using the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce these issues.

## **AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH**

Chairman Williams discussed the progress of the Americus Avenue ditch project, stating that the preliminary approval from D.E.P. should be received within 30-45 days.

## **DEMOLITION/S.H.I.P. PROGRAM HOUSES**

Chairman Williams discussed demolition of burned homes for someone in the S.H.I.P.

program. He stated that the Board has a policy to no longer remove homes, and requested that they consider a variance to this policy for homes that are in the S.H.I.P. program.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Commissioner Peters discussed a letter received from Gulf County C.D.C., and motioned to suspend all future S.H.I.P. fund payments until clarification has been received from the C.D.C. Board. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion for discussion. Mel Magidson, Gulf County C.D.C. President, appeared before the Board and discussed that C.D.C. held a meeting and found that no action is necessary at this time, but they will continue to review the situation. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding the work performance of Dannie Bolden, Mr. Magidson discussed that there is nothing as a Board that they are not proud of in Mr. Bolden's work performance. Chairman Williams discussed that Commissioner Peters is looking for clarification from the State of Florida on this issue. Dannie Bolden, Executive Director of C.D.C., appeared before the Board and discussed that this has been an ongoing issue with Commissioner Peters, stating that Commissioner Peters knows his status and that his rights have been restored, and if there is an allegation it needs to be made in writing to him. Commissioner Peters discussed that the Board is asking for proof of whether or not Mr. Bolden's rights have been restored. Mr. Bolden inquired as to why the funding for the S.H.I.P. program was pulled from the Consent Agenda. Diana Sealey, from the Christian Coalition, appeared before the Board and inquired as to why the funds for the S.H.I.P. program were pulled from the Consent Agenda. After further discussion, Commissioner Barnes withdrew the second, and Commissioner Peters withdrew the motion. Commissioner Traylor motioned to reinstate pages 179-187 of the Consent Agenda as follows. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

15. S.H.I.P. Program Agreement Addendum - Gulf County C.D.C.
16. S.H.I.P. Program Plan Modification (Rehabilitation Assistance  
from \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 \* Purchase Assistance  
from \$11,250.00 to \$25,000.00 \* Volunteer Based  
Rehabilitation from \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00)
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Mr. Bolden then discussed his Felony conviction was over 20 years ago in the State of Alaska, and that his rights have been restored. He also discussed that he is involved in a lawsuit against the Downtown Redevelopment Agency and the expansion. Chairman Williams discussed that the Board needs written documentation or some statutory review regarding the status of Mr. Bolden. Caroline Chapman, Attorney for Dannie Bolden, appeared before the Board and discussed that this was a Federal Court Marshall, stating that these documents have been requested, and also discussed the A.C.L.U., and restoring civil rights in Florida. Chairman Williams requested that County Attorney McFarland research Florida law on this issue. County Attorney McFarland stated that he must refuse to research this issue.

Commissioner Peters discussed that County Attorney McFarland cannot be involved in this issue because Mr. Bolden has filed a complaint against him. Commissioner Peters also discussed a meeting that was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, stating that the community was trying to decide whether or not they wanted to have a separate C.R.A. or join the Downtown Redevelopment Agency.

The meeting did then recess at 7:47 p.m., E.T.

The meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m., E.T.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Chairman Williams discussed that he is not comfortable making a decision without direction from counsel on this issue, and requested that Mr. Bolden provide the information from the State of Florida to the Board at the next regular meeting. Mr. Bolden discussed that if the Board had requested this information from him, he would have already submitted this information to the Board. Upon request by Commissioner Peters, the following memo was entered into the minutes.

### **Memo For Request**

Date: February 27, 2006 - 6:30pm

Place: New Bethel A.M.E. Church Annex Bldg., PSJ, FL

Subj: CRA/NPSJ (Second Mtg to vote, 2006) Meeting

Present: Elder Charles Gathers, Carl White (DRA board member), Christine White, Raymond Rogers, Jr., Amy Rogers, City Comm. Rachel Crews, Dannie Bolden (DRA board member), John Tremont (Dannie Bolden's w/m friend who now lives in NPSJ neighborhood), County Comm. Nathan Peters, Jr., Rev. Jimmy Williams (Pastor, New Bethel A.M.E. Church), Deacon Taylor Jenkins, Minister Donald Nickson.

1. Christine White read her memo of the advantages and disadvantages of creating a CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) for North Port St. Joe as requested by her husband, Carl White who chaired this special called community meeting.
2. Minister Donald Nickson arrived late and requested some clarity about the advantages and disadvantages? It appeared that Carl White did not want to go over what his wife had read and what was discussed prior to Minister Donald Nickson arriving to the meeting. Amy Rogers interrupted and reminded Carl White, (the chair) that someone is asking for clarification before they can cast their vote, will he answer the question.

3. **Casting of the Votes:** All who are in favor of expanding the current CRA and not creating a separate CRA for NPSJ. Dannie Bolden (y), Taylor Jenkins, (y), Charles Gathers (y), Jimmy Williams (y), Donald Nickson (y), Raymond Rogers, Jr., (n).

(End)

### **ARTIFICIAL REEF EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE**

Tracy Melvin appeared before the Board and inquired about the members to be appointed to a Artificial Reef Exploratory Committee. The Board appointed the following individuals to serve on the committee: Steve Mork, Fred Erickson, Allen Cox, Janis Tankersley, Jamie Lester, Chuck Sexton, Eugene Raffield, Dewey Blaylock, and David Rich, Sr. Chairman Williams discussed that the members need to be aware that they must operate under Sunshine Laws.

### **GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

Chairman Williams discussed a letter from the Gulf County School Board Transportation Department requesting limited maintenance on a private driveway belonging to Bus Driver Angie Suber, so she can park a school bus at her house. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve the County performing limited maintenance on this driveway (upon execution of a limited maintenance agreement). Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 8:02 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**